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Mayor Alan R. Lambert, center, and city officials involved with emergency preparedness met with members of the Romulus Christian Ministerial Alliance (RCMA). The Ministerial Alliance offered an assortment of resources that they would be able to provide in a crisis situation. Another meeting in the near future will determine who the contact persons will be and any training that may be required to integrate the RCMA into the City of Romulus emergency preparedness program, officials said.

Reproductive curriculum adopted

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

After a final public hearing Monday afternoon, Romulus School Board members will likely approve a new reproductive health curriculum.

"Puberty: The Wonder Years," is a program geared toward elementary school students that will give them an understanding of some basic concepts, said Superintendent Carl Weiss.

"It's very age-appropriate," he said. "There are some fairly strict standards that schools that teach reproductive health must adhere to, and this program was endorsed by the Michigan Department of Education."

The new program will essentially offer information to students that is easy for them to understand. Weiss said it's an update of what's already taught at the schools.

"Every now and then, you have

to update the curriculum for reproductive health because the materials we can obtain generally get better," he said. "It's best that we present the most up-to-date information we can."

Puberty: The Wonder Years was developed by a registered nurse as a comprehensive teaching tool. It's a structured program that encourages young students to postpone sexual activity. The program covers changes that occur in the body, heredity, the role of family, how life begins, the functions of male and female reproductive systems and the emotional changes brought by puberty.

Reproductive health classes have been a lightning rod in the past in many area districts when teachers, administrators and community members are unable to come to a consensus about what is to be presented in the classroom. By state law, school district must thoroughly research materials by committee.

The committee that is put into place must be representative of all the stakeholders at the school — there have to be non-employees, teachers, administrators, and members of clergy represented, Weiss said.

"They tell us who has to be on the committee, and it's a fairly involved process," he said.

Reproductive health and sex education is taught at all levels in Romulus schools, and though the current program being introduced is targeted at younger children, the committee will soon evaluate middle- and high-school programs, said Weiss.

"We will probably evaluate the middle school program next," he said.

At the high school, reproductive concepts are covered in a health class that is an elective. But students who take biology — which is required — take a five-day

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Schools take \$2.1 million loan

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The needs of the Romulus School District and the timing of state aid have once again collided.

School board members approved a request submitted by Finance Director Sherri Papazoglou to borrow about \$2 million in short term loans to make payments on bills and pay employees throughout the summer.

The approval of the loan joins Romulus Schools with several others who had to take out loans to meet obligations during the time districts do not see any state aid, said Superintendent Carl Weiss.

"Obviously it's not something we like to do, because all loans have interest," he said. "If we had several million dollars in the bank, we wouldn't have to do this, but we finished the year without adequate funds (to pay employees)."

Last year, the district borrowed \$2.75 short-term to meet payroll and other expenses during the summer months. At that time, the district struggled with several increases, including \$40 more per student for utilities and gasoline, \$70 for heating, \$140 for teacher raises, \$80 for health care costs, and \$110 for retirement. That equaled \$440 more per student — a shortfall of more than \$265 per student, per year.

The way a short-term loan works is that an agreement will be made between the schools and a lender, and money will change hands. The schools will then tap into those funds to keep the district operating. Generally, the loans are paid back by the

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Romulus man dies after Michigan Avenue chase

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

Anthony Salvatore Quasarano was a kind man with a passion for motorcycles, and his friends admired him for his easygoing nature and big smile.

The Romulus resident known affectionately as "Tony Q" was killed tragically Sunday night in Canton Township while riding his motorcycle

home after dinner with friends.

Friends remembered Mr. Quasarano on Monday at a meeting of the Motor City Chapter of the Harley Owners Group, where Mr. Quasarano was a road captain.

"It was a very, very somber meeting," said Larry Telling, chapter director. "It was a pretty emotional experience."

Mr. Quasarano had traveled with his wife to a Harley-Davidson dealership in Farmington

earlier Sunday, where his motorcycle repair shop was sponsoring a ride to benefit local firefighter charities. After the ride ended, the pair had dinner with some friends in Ypsilanti before heading back home to Romulus via Michigan Avenue.

Then, out of almost nowhere, a Chevrolet Camaro fleeing from police struck and killed

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Romulus teacher dances into retirement

Scott Spielman
Editor

Evelyn Alatalo never had any doubt about what she wanted to do with her life.

“I was very fortunate,” said the Romulus resident. “I knew what I wanted to do at 5 years old.”

Now, decades after she realized that dream, she’s ready to move on. Before the end of the month, Alatalo will close up Evelyn’s School of Dance, which she has owned and operated for 50 years at the same location on Wayne Road in the City of Wayne.

That’s not a bad run for someone who was unable to take her first dance lesson.

“I was very shy,” she said. “I cried. The lesson was already paid for, so my brother took it for me. When I came back for my second lesson, I knew I wanted to be a dance teacher.”

Alatalo was born and raised in Romulus and has lived there most of her life. She lived for a time in Dearborn Heights, and her studies took her to several places overseas, too.

The woman whom hundreds of students called ‘Miss Evelyn’ has studied several styles of dance at the Royal Academy of Dancing in England, taken classes in Cannes, France, studied with the National Ballet of Canada, not to mention in schools closer to home such as in Chicago and New York.

Her early education inspired in her the desire to travel—she hopes to do more of it, now that she’s retiring.

“I loved France,” she said. “You could run to the beach and then run back and take a dance class.”

In her younger years, Alatalo had roles in several productions in the Ann Arbor Ballet. She also choreographed musicals like West Side Story, Guys and Dolls and Kiss Me Kate. She worked with the John Glenn High School drama department and gave lectures at Romulus High School, too.

Alatalo taught at the Will-O-Way Theatre in Bloomfield Hills and the Randazzo Studio in Ypsilanti before she opened her own shop. In that, she was also fortunate, she said. The previous owner, Kay Ann Bird, was looking to get out of the business about



Evelyn Alatalo

the same time Alatalo was looking to get in. “She was getting married and she sold me the studio,” Alatalo said. “I’ve been there ever since.”

She’s been a very active part in the community, too, taking part in parades and other Wayne events, judging the Miss Wayne Contest and working with the Wayne Civic Players.

She said her fondest memories, though,

were of teaching her students.

“I loved dancing and I like being with people,” she said.

She’s seen students leave and return with their own children—and sometimes their grandchildren, too.

“She’s taught so many residents and their kids and grandkids, too,” said Alex Hallani, who owns the tobacco shop next door and the studio building. “I have people come in here all the time and tell me they knew her back in the 1950s.”

Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said he was impressed with the longevity of her business.

“When someone can stay in business for 50 years, I call that a huge success,” he said. “It says that you’re doing something right and you love doing it.”

Alatalo, who admits that she’s been taking it easy for the past two years, said that the decision to permanently close the doors was a difficult one.

“I pack a few boxes, I dance a few steps and I cry a lot,” she said. “It was a very hard decision—especially when it’s something you truly love doing.”

News in brief

Chamber hosts upcoming golf event

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce is planning the annual chamber golf outing on Aug. 23.

The golf outing supports year-round activities that assist businesses in the area.

The event will take place at the Woodlands of Van Buren golf club, which is located at 39670 Wayne Road in Van Buren Township.

To register, or for more information, call the chamber at (734) 893-0694.

Summer reading program continues

The Romulus Public Library summer reading program is ongoing. The program will continue until July 31.

Several activities will take place at 1 p.m. on the following dates:
July 25 – The Super Science Program will provide experiments for students; and

July 31 – Awards presentation for students who read the most.

For more information about the summer reading program, call the Romulus Public Library at (734) 942-7589.

Health screenings offered

The Western Wayne Family Health Center in Inkster is offering free health screenings to Wayne county residents in need of low-cost health care.

The screenings, which commemorate National Health Center Week, will offer screenings beginning on Monday, Aug. 6 to Friday, Aug. 11. The screenings will include an interview with a health provider, blood pressure checks, and glucose screening to detect diabetes.

Information on diet, exercise, and other avenues of preventive care will also be available.

The health center is open to all residents of Wayne County. Though general doctor’s appointment fees are based on a sliding scale depending on a patient’s income and other factors, the screenings are free of charge.

The center is located at 2500 Hamlin Ct., behind the Inkster Fire Station. Appointments are required for all screenings, and can be secured by calling (313) 561-5100.

The Western Wayne Family Health Center hours have recently changed. Appointments are available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and on Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Send event notices, announcement and news briefs to Staff Writer Molly Tippen at mtippen@journalgroup.com. Fax notices to (734) 729-1840.

Puberty

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rotation that is more detailed than younger students would be exposed to, Weiss said.

“There are sections on AIDS and HIV (prevention),” he said.

The second public hearing will take place before the board meeting Monday at the Grant Road facility. Interested parties will have an opportunity to ask questions about the program.

Tony - Victim loved motorcycles

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him. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

“It’s an absolute tragedy,” said Sgt. Rick Pomorski of the Canton Police Department.

The driver was expected to be arraigned Wednesday on multiple felony charges including second-degree murder, which is punishable by up to life in prison. The suspect’s name was not released Tuesday night, when this newspaper went to press.

The pursuit was brief and approached speeds of 100 mph. It started when a Canton officer spotted the Camaro, which was believed to involved in a hit-and-run accident reported by a 911 caller at around 9 p.m. that night.

Pomorski said the caller later told police the Camaro was the same car that hit her in Van Buren Township.

The officer attempted to pull over the Camaro on Michigan Avenue near Belleville Road. Instead of stopping, the driver accelerated. Mr. Quasarano’s wife and two others were riding near him on Michigan just east of Haggerty Road as the Camaro approached from behind.

Pomorski said it wasn’t clear from the pursuing patrol car video whether the Camaro sideswiped or rear-ended Mr. Quasarano’s motorcycle.

Telling said that Mr. Quasarano reached out to him when he first joined the Harley group.

“Tony was one of the first people I ever had a conversation

with,” said Telling. “He wasn’t really outgoing. He didn’t seek people out in that way, but he was quick to give you a smile and talk with you. A really nice individual.”

Pomorski said the Camaro driver was taken to the hospital with injuries and released into police custody on Monday. He said the suspect couldn’t explain why he didn’t stop for police.

“We asked him that. He doesn’t even remember being in the car,” said Pomorski.

Pomorski said the driver of the Camaro had a “minor” criminal history. A passenger in the car was arrested on unrelated warrants out of Belleville.

Meanwhile, Canton Deputy Chief Alex Wilson said it appeared the Canton officer followed department policy related to pursuits.

“There’s nothing in the reports that indicates policy was not followed,” he said, noting a full investigation was pending. “There will be a complete review by the supervisor that is on that shift and a determination will be made after that.”

Officers and supervisors are authorized to call off a chase if it becomes too dangerous, said Wilson.

“Basically, the guidance is when it’s determined that it’s in the best interest of public safety, then the officers have the authority to terminate the pursuit,” he said.

While Canton police continue the criminal investigation, the



Anthony Salvatore Quasarano

Michigan State Police are investigating the crash, too.

“We asked them to come in and police the accident itself, because it involved a pursuit by one of our vehicles,” said Wilson. “We also will look at the administrative portion of it as it relates to the actions of the officers.”

An officer pursuing a vehicle, as well as a supervisor who follows the chase by radio, must constantly evaluate several criteria, including weather and road conditions, traffic congestion and pedestrian activity.

“In this case, those factors were evaluated during the pursuit,” said Wilson. “Unfortunately, it ended with a tragic conclusion.”

Besides murder, the other charges against the suspect included first-degree fleeing and eluding police, a 15-year felony; manslaughter with a motor vehicle, a 15-year felony; and felony with a motor vehicle, an advisory charge that can increase the sentence of the other charges.

Loan

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time the next round of state aid is deposited into the district bank account, Weiss said.

A loan may not be necessary next summer if the district plays its cards right, said Weiss.

“It’s a lot less this year than it was last year, which is a good

thing,” he said.

State aid for schools is paid in October, and the loan will be paid off at that time, according to paperwork from the district.

Though the interest rates on the loans tend to be low, the district will incur \$20,000 in interest on the loan.

The nearest district to have to approve a similar loan is the Inkster School District, which will take out a loan to carry dis-

trict costs until per-pupil and other funding comes in from the state this winter, said Superintendent Tom Maridada.

“If something happened, we could make changes to the budget, but the short term loan will get us through. Many districts have had to do that to make ends meet,” he said.

The Romulus Community School District educates about 4,300 students.

'Diver Dan' joins Van Buren Township dive team

Ashley Dobos
Staff Writer

Diver Dan has joined the Van Buren Township Underwater Search and Recovery Team and so far, he's a pretty popular guy.

The dive team started a new program recently to educate the community about the dangers of drowning in and around the home, and Diver Dan has proven invaluable to their efforts to reach citizens and especially, children.

"(The program stresses) water awareness," said Det. Louis Keele. "(It's a way) to get citizens more involved with the community.

When two children drowned within a month of each other in Indianapolis in 2000 from swimming in ponds, the Water Awareness in Residential Neighborhoods was created.

"It's really a new program for us," said Lt. Daniel Besson.

The program provides education about drowning dangers using Diver Dan. He educates all ages about potential hazards in the home including buckets, toilets, tubs and small pools.

"It's important to bring education to the community," said Keele.

Diver Dan also shows threats from surrounding bodies of water

(The program teaches children to) wear life jackets on boats and not to swim alone.

Lt. Daniel Besson

around the home including streams, lakes, ponds, ditches, rivers, and swimming pools. He teaches people how to prevent tragedies from happening. The program stresses the importance of wearing life jackets and/or using flotation devices when working and playing in the water, officials said.

"(The program teaches children to) wear life jackets on boats and not to swim alone," said Besson.

There are two different programs that the Dive Team offers—one for adults, and one for children. The programs consist of videos, power point presentations, handouts, and packets.

"(The program shows how) water can be fun but dangerous at the same time," said Keele.

Diver Dan and his Dive Team assistants can be scheduled by local organizations for free to come educate about drowning threats. To schedule Diver Dan and his assistants, contact firefighter Angela Hayes at (734) 699-8900 extension 9416 or email her at ahayes@vanburen-mi.org or Keele at (734) 699-8917 or email him at lkeele@vanburen-mi.org



Graduation day

Graduates of the Van Buren Township Fire Department Citizen Fire Academy accepted their certificates recently in front of fire department personnel, friends and family. The program is designed to allow members of the public an opportunity to see how a local fire department operates and face situations similar to those a firefighter may encounter. Graduates included: Richard Copeland of Van Buren Township, Bryan Dau of Sumpter Township, Dennis Foley of Van Buren Township, Daniel Folks of Van Buren Township, Gary Folks of Belleville, Susan Greening of Van Buren Township, Scott Griggs of Belleville, Renee Haines of Van Buren Township, Matthew Marttila of Sumpter Township, Stephen McClatchey of Ann Arbor, Walter Rainer of Van Buren Township, Erika Redden of Westland, David Schwager of Van Buren Township and Chris Wiggins of Van Buren Township.

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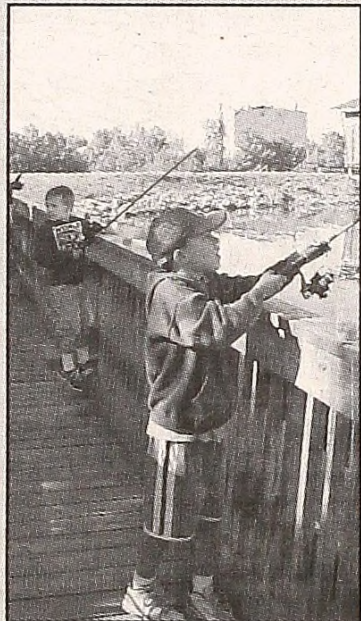
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Catch and release

The Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department hosted the annual Youth Fishing Derby recently at French Landing Park. The free event included prizes for the largest and smallest fish. Winners were Steven Gohl, whose 7-inch catch won first place for the biggest fish and Kevin Bowers, who won third place with his 6-inch fish. Also pictured are Adam McGrath, who caught a 6 1/4-inch fish, and Fry Zirker and his daughter, Jane, who won the best dressed for the fishing tournament award.



House fire investigated

The Van Buren Township fire investigation team is looking into a house fire that took place on June 30 on Morton Taylor Road, north of Tyler Road in the township.

Officials arrived on the scene to find light smoke coming from the 3,000 square foot home. The house appeared to be unoccupied and there appeared to be a second fire near an outbuilding on the same property, officials said.

Rubbish near the outbuilding

and floor covering and carpet inside the home had apparently been intentionally set ablaze, officials said. The cause and motive are still under investigation, but is being considered suspicious, according to officials.

The fire, which was discovered in the early stages, caused less than \$10,000 worth of damage.

Anyone with any information regarding the incident is requested to contact Det. Marc Abdilla at (734) 699-8922 or Capt. Anthony Karver (734) 699-8900 ext 9419.

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OPINION

Land purchases are smart move

Months after asking voters to increase their taxes to repair the road system, officials in the City of Wayne authorized the purchase of six plots of land Tuesday night.

This might seem like a mixed message to residents, but it's actually not. The purchases are a smart move on the part of city officials—as was the decision to pass on the former Nankin Apartment property.

The purchase of land is usually a good investment for a municipality and the relatively small amount spent—about \$71,000 for all the parcels—will be repaid several times over.

The best way to control what happens on any piece of property is to own it. That's common sense and it applies to municipalities, too. The city has taken advantage of this in the past—they've sold property to developers in deals not necessarily contingent on the price, but on the quality of what will go there.

We see that as a trend that will continue. Most of the parcels are small, some are located in the center of neighborhoods. Sold for development, though, they still have the potential to have a tremendous positive impact on the community.

One parcel in particular, on Winslow Street, was the site of a long-vacant and dilapidated home. That home is gone now, the land empty, but could be filled with a new home as early as next year, which would bring up property values and dress up the community.

The former Nankin Apartments property on the corner of Sophia Street and Michigan Avenue has a great deal of potential, too. At more than \$180,000, though, it's just not worth the price. We'll just have to hope that someone purchases the land that will take better care of it than the previous owner, and be like-minded in the goal of making progress here in the city.

Restoring city integrity is an admirable goal

Officials in the City of Belleville approved an unusual resolution Monday night.

Put forward by Kerreen Conley, it was entitled the 'Resolution to Restore integrity to the City of Belleville.'

That is lofty language and a laudable goal.

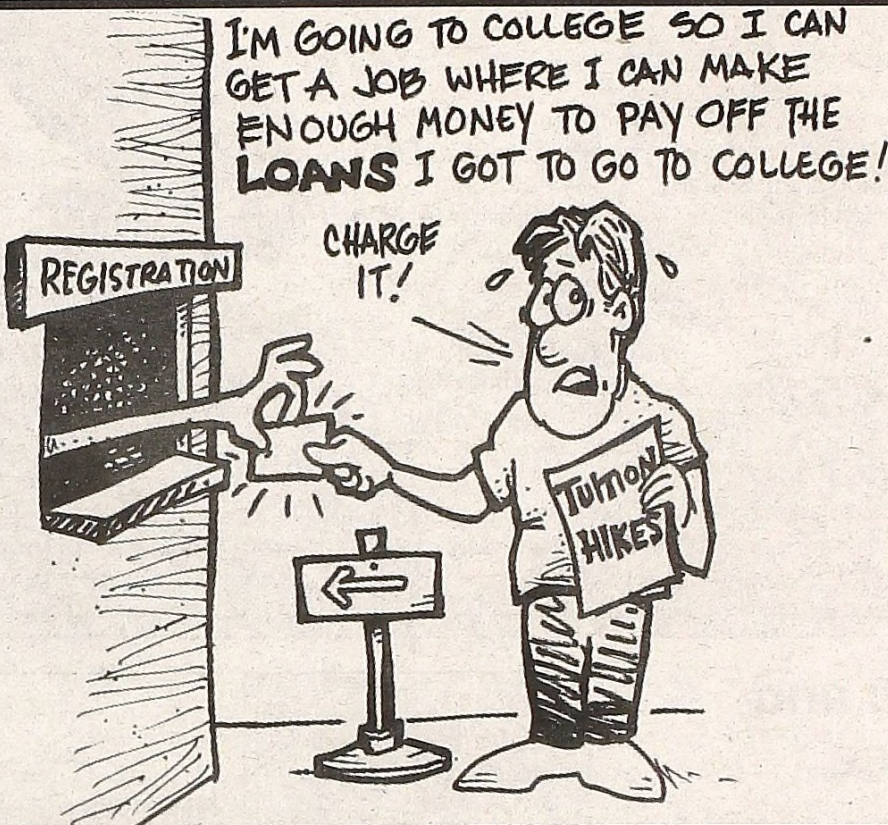
Hopefully, that ship has not yet sailed.

The goal of the resolution is to have City Manager Walter Mears get certified transcripts from each institution, university or college he attended and documentation of degrees earned and forward them to the city clerk for inclusion in his personnel file. The city council will then get a copy and decide what action, if any, to take on Mears' employment.

The issue came to light shortly after Mears, a former city councilman, was appointed to fill the role of city manager vacated when Steve Walters retired earlier this year.

When they sought a replacement for Walters, city officials received 35 applications, which they narrowed down for personal interviews. Their top candidates were hired elsewhere and they didn't like their other finalists, so they decided to relax the criteria that required the candidate have city manager experience.

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City of Wayne snubbed again

Plymouth Township was recently named among the top places to live by Money Magazine.

It was the highest ranked out of all Detroit suburbs—it came in 37th overall, one of only three Michigan municipalities to make the top 100 list—and ranked above many so-called upscale communities, and all of its neighbors.

Pardon me for feeling a little hometown pride, but I think Wayne has just as much—if not more—to offer.

The magazine looked at places that offered the best combination of economic opportunity, good schools, safe streets, things to do and a real sense of community.

One thing mentioned was the availability of parks and recreational resources in Plymouth Township. That struck me as odd since Plymouth Township doesn't even have a parks and recreation department. They have a couple of nice parks—Township Park, the Lake Pointe Soccer Park—as well as a pocket park on Ann Arbor Trail constructed on land donated for that purpose.

I look at communities like Northville

Township, Canton Township and Wayne—which have as many or more park facilities, as well as a dedicated community center and senior center, to boot—and wonder what is the clearer picture.

You can always talk about tax rates. Tax rates are low in Plymouth Township—and lower in townships, in general—because they don't have to provide as many services. They don't maintain their roads or plow them in the winter time.

What Wayne is lacking is economic opportunity. Even that is debatable. Look to the investments made recently at the Ford Motor plants here in the city, the re-use of the old warehouse on Elizabeth Street. Yes, we have vacant buildings, but I see them as potential for economic opportunity, not obstacles.

I've lived here for more than four years now, and I can attest to a real sense of community, too. I've never seen a place where residents are so willing to pitch in and help out when things get

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Let's weed out the bad seeds

I can hardly wait to see what's going to happen to the Belleville National Strawberry Festival.

Everyone's been talking about it lately. What to do? Should we have it? Too much violence? It's ruining my property? Whatever the opinion may be, it's been one of the most recent hot topics in the Belleville area and with good reason.

After this year's event, Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor told city officials that he wanted to stop the festival altogether. He said this year's event, particularly the carnival, created unusually rowdy crowds, several arrests and a 'mob mentality.'

Then, at a following city council meeting, residents wanted to know what officials were planning to do? And, to my surprise, Taylor said let the festival board have their time to meet and come up with alternatives instead of canceling the event.

Now that's more like it.

I've heard a lot of resident feedback on the matter: police should be prepared for the event; make new guidelines, like an entrance fee or random searches; create a new city event instead of the strawberry festival; move the festival to Van Buren Park or the Wayne County Fairgrounds; get rid of just the carnival and, just cancel it.

I say whatever the alternative is, don't let it be to cancel the event. There's got to be a better solu-

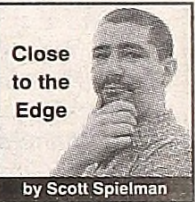
tion.

For some reason, this year's festival seemed to be worse than others. Maybe it's a sign of the times. When there's nothing, but doom and gloom surrounding us—war, terrorism, poverty, job loss, a downturn in the economy—people are angry, upset, restless and seem to take it out in other ways, such as the incidents at the event.

Of course, resident safety is number one, but instead of canceling the festival, why not bring in more police the weekend of the event and, if that's not the answer, maybe moving it to the park or the fairgrounds would be best.

However, just because there were a few bad seeds at the strawberry event, doesn't mean the whole crop is ruined. All it takes is a little time, planning and revamping to make the festival continue to be an event for the whole community to enjoy.

The strawberry festival board will meet on Tuesday, which will hopefully resolve some of the questions. Board members said they welcome any comments, questions, criticisms or suggestions. If you're interested, the meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. That's the place to take all your concerns in hopes of getting the answers everyone's looking for.



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by Scott Spielman



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by Andrea King

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Letters

Resident supports millage

To the editor:

On Aug. 7, the residents of Van Buren Township will be asked to make a decision that will affect their lives for years to come. They will be asked to vote yes or no to improve public safety in Van Buren Township. This is not a political question and it should make no difference if you are Republican or Democrat, only what you want for your quality of life.

I realize that we are in some very tough economic times and a lot of families are cutting back wherever possible. These are times, by not voting yes, that will cause crimes to rise because residents feel they do not have extra income to help with the demands for the increased public safety needs.

Fourteen years ago myself and some other members of our community were asked by the former township supervisor to form a committee to look into improving our public safety department. It

took us six months, visiting other departments, talking to business owners, public meetings, reviewing reports and the committee finally came up with a plan to move our public safety department into the 21st Century. Back then we had a part-time police department even though our officers worked full time with very little benefits, lack of training other than what was required by law. Most of our officers only stayed a short time until they could find a full time position with another department that could pay them what this department couldn't. Our cars were kept longer and the radio system was outdated. Our police department was basically a reactive department where we were called after the crime had been committed.

Our fire department was and still is a paid on-call department. The training was limited and the equipment was old. Periodically we are able to update equipment when needed.

Through it all, we are still able

to save lives. Stop and think, every second counts when you are saving a life, home, whatever it be.

As a member of this committee, we had worked hard to get the 3 mils passed, educating citizens on why we needed the millage. Six months later the citizens voted Yes and it was the first ever public safety millage for Van Buren Township. If you look at the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department now, you can see some improvements, however, many more are needed. The hiring of more police officers will help reduce response times, have a special investigations unit to handle narcotics, identity theft, home invasions not to mention other major crimes. The Fire Department needs a round the clock 24/7 duty crew. With the new fire station being built in the south, we need to hire an additional duty crew 24/7 for this station. We need to reduce response times to save lives and property by hiring more firefighters and have more up to date

equipment.

The township is growing as are the surrounding communities and the demand for service is increasing. Costs for equipment are also increasing. At the same time state and federal dollars are decreasing.

We the citizens of Van Buren Township cannot allow our public safety department to go backwards. We depend on the men and women of this department in order for us to live the way we do today and the future.

I urge you to show your support on Aug. 7 by voting "Yes" for public safety. For more information, please visit our website at www.keeppublicsafety.com.

David Cushing
38-year resident of
Van Buren Township

Snub

FROM PAGE 6

rough—they brought back the fireworks a few years ago, they're chipping in to ensure the Wheelfest is a success and they're working on yet another park project, too.

The City of Wayne is by no means a perfect place to live. My own street tends to look a little like a ghetto when the rain stops and the lawns dry out. I know we've got problems, like anyone else, too. But I'd put our services right up there with anyone else's, though—and above most.

Maybe if we all keep pushing forward and acting like a solid community, we'll make that list some day, too.

There's always next year.

Integrity

FROM PAGE 6

They also extended an offer for Mears to apply for the job, but didn't seek out any other applicants at the time.

The crux of the issue is a doctorate degree that Mears told his interviewers that he had earned, but did not put on his resume, feeling it was not relevant—although he apparently thought it relevant enough to include when he applied for the council seat to which he was appointed.

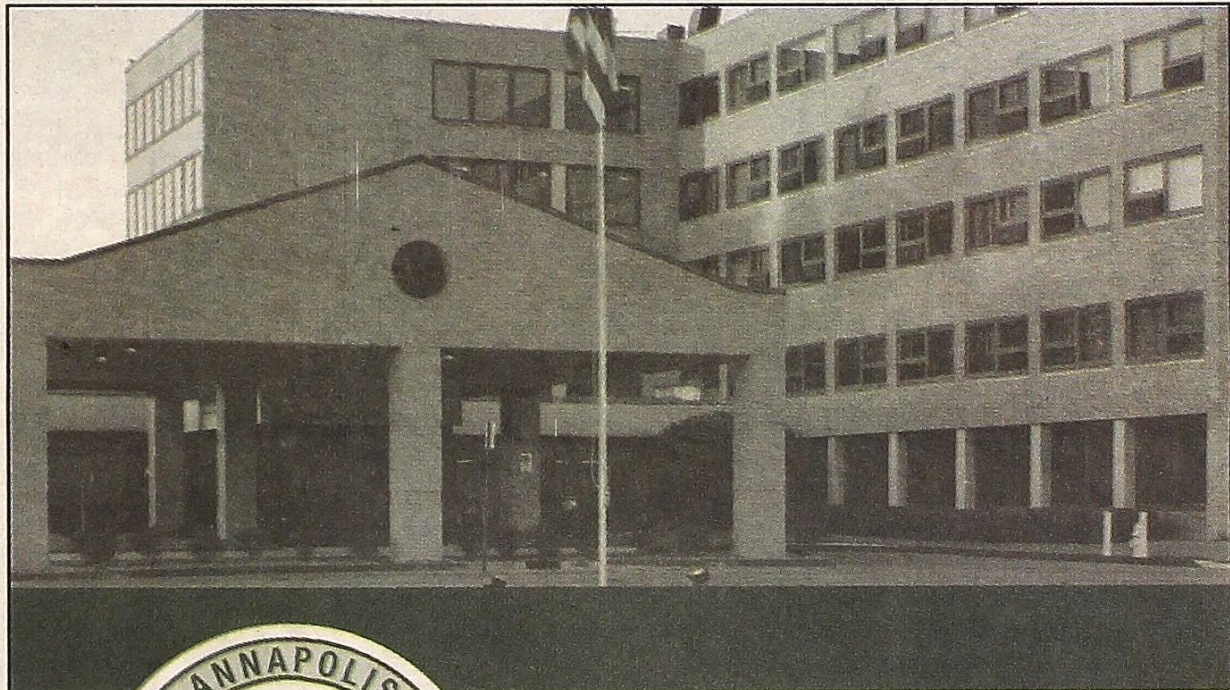
The issue of relevancy is a little silly, in our estimation. In a tough job climate that everyone faces here in Michigan, there's no such thing as an irrelevant accomplishment.

We're not seeking to add to anyone's troubles here, but this whole process has been confusing on a few different levels.

It seems odd that a city resolution was necessary to spur something that should have been accomplished through a background check. It's a little disconcerting that the 'resolution to restore integrity' was not unanimous—it was approved on a 3-2 vote, with Mayor Tom Fielder and Councilwoman Lori Hecksel voting against it.

These kinds of things, as the council is finding out through angry—and vocal—residents, tend to take on a life of their own. Steve Duchane, an award-winning city manager in Sterling Heights, was unceremoniously fired for fudging items on his resume. Ron Kagan faced the same fate recently at the Detroit Zoo—and people are still not happy that he kept his job.

This is a difficult thing for the City of Belleville. It will take some solid leadership to get beyond it and to move the city in a positive direction.



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THE SCENE



Reviewed By
Ashley Dobos

Film is magical entertainment for nearly all ages

Harry Potter is back!

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, the fifth *Harry Potter* movie, dropped into theaters on July 11 and did not disappoint.

Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) and his friends are out to battle the craziest and most over-the-top villain yet—Prof. Dolores Umbridge (Imelda Staunton). She is sent to be the new Defense Against the Dark Arts professor at Hogwarts by the Ministry of Magic.

For those who don't know, there has always been some kind of problem with the Defense Against the Dark Arts professor. Something always happens to them and they never make it back to their second year.

Umbridge is not the type of professor expected to teach Defense Against the Dark Arts. She's well-mannered and lets it be known that she wants everything done in an orderly fashion. She tells students that they are not to practice any defense spells, only study them out of books and copy the information down. She stands up to everyone—including the headmaster, Professor Aldous Dumbledore. She also starts to take over the school, with the support of the Minister of

Magic.

Her character brings a comedic presence to the movie because of her exaggerated rules—one of which is that boy and girl students must stay at least 8 inches away from each other—which the minister of magic allows her to create.

The students rebel against her rules, although usually not in her presence. Harry, along with Hermione (Emma Watson) and Ron (Rupert Gint) create their own Defense Against the Dark Arts group, which they name Dumbledore's Army. This group is made up of students who want to practice defense spells that are taught to the students by Harry.

The need to know defense spells is very urgent in the movie, since Lord Voldemort, the villain who's still trying to kill Harry and take over pretty much everything, has returned. He's back in full-body form—aside from a face without a nose.

Voldemort is silent through most of the movie, although Harry keeps having strange dreams about him. Voldemort makes his appearance at the end of the movie, though, for another wizard war.

The special effects in the movie were impressive, and that's important since most of the movie consists of special effects—whether it's the Patronus charms that come out of the students' wands when practicing defense spells, the moving staircases, flying on brooms or the distorted, creepy face of Voldemort.

Harry Potter is growing up, along with the rest of the students, and the spells they are learning are more advanced. It seems that they are preparing themselves for a final stand against Lord Voldemort.

Radcliffe's acting seems to be getting better and better as the movies go along, too. This movie allows Radcliffe to show different sides to Harry, which makes him more appealing as a hero.

The movie seems to be getting darker as they follow the books. Even the lighting in the movie is dark, to create eerie atmosphere.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix was a great movie—one of the best of the series. The storyline is getting more involved and the effects are more entertaining to watch. Some of the images may be too scary for young Harry fans, though.

THE SCENE

Sicko: Documentary is an eye-opener

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The best thing about Michael Moore's *Sicko* is that it features a whole slew of Canadians.

Not Canadians dying in the street because of a lack of health care, not citizens of the civilized democracy north of us decrying the bindings of Socialism.

Rather the documentary – and this film screens more like a typical documentary than Moore's other pictures – is an expose of the American health system that is perpetually in crisis and serves only a few, and one that is the most expensive in the world to sustain.

Though not a treatise on the benefits of socialized medicine, Moore put into sharper focus the reason the government wants to stick with a system that at best will bankrupt the United States in the future. The insurance companies have basically bought off the politicians, which took the wheels off a push in the mid-1990s to bring government-sponsored health care stateside. This insures (no pun intended) that the health-care system is a for-profit one – which is essentially the prob-

lem. How do they keep citizens on board with this?

Fear. They tell us people in other countries die waiting to get into a doctor. They say people can't get medications they need. But citizens in other countries say otherwise.

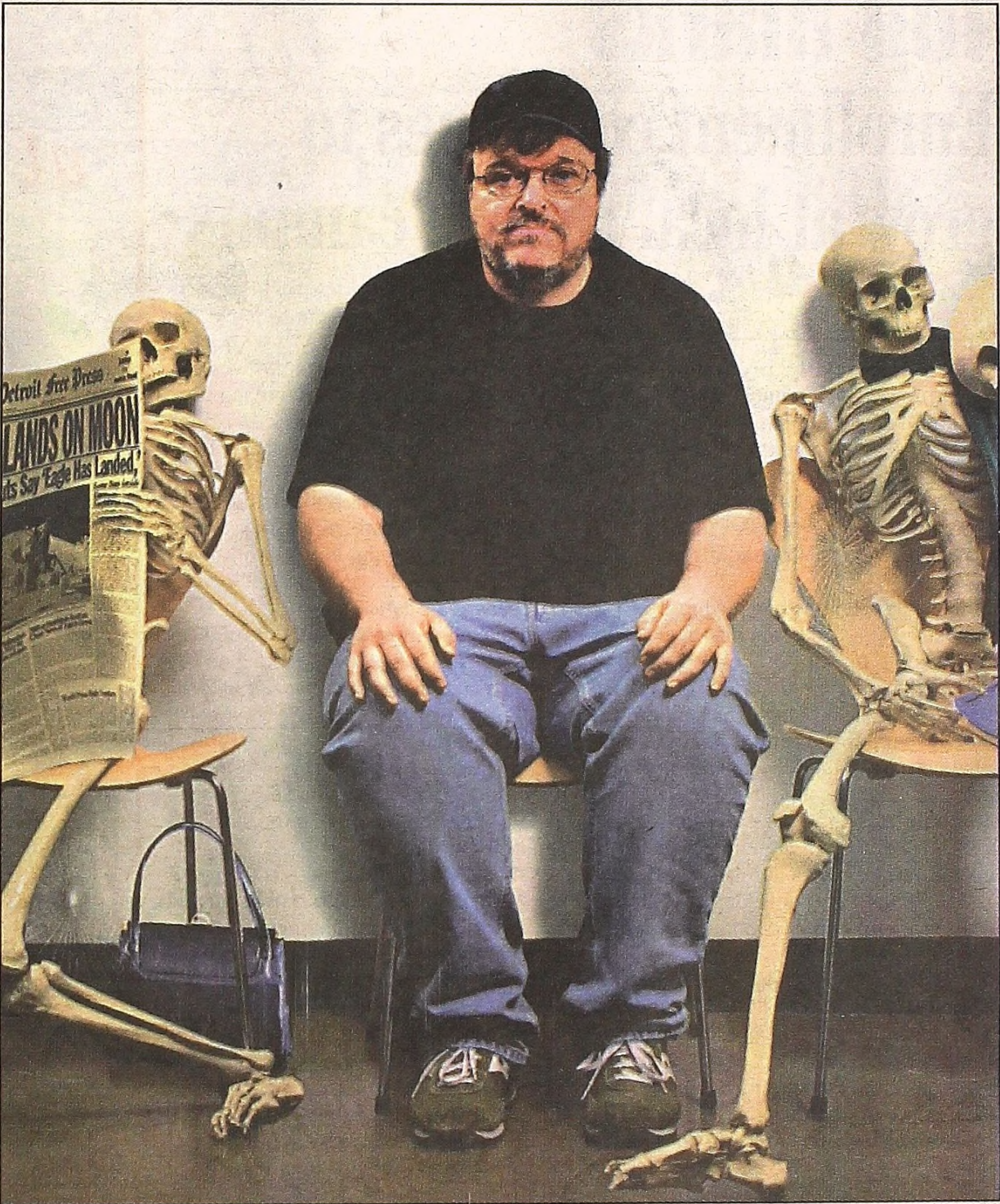
Moore's other documentaries usually contained prominently-placed, cheap stunts (Miss America Kay Lani Ray Rafko saying she didn't know much about the plight of Flint autoworkers in *Roger & Me* or the verbal altercations with Charlton Heston in *Bowling for Columbine*), but *Sicko* is light on those things in favor of information – which in turn makes it more powerful than those previous Moore efforts.

When I saw *Fahrenheit 9/11* shortly after it was released, people stood up and applauded at the end.

At the end of *Sicko*, most moviegoers just filed out introspectively.

That alone indicated to me that maybe *Sicko* would be more than just preaching to an already-indoctrinated crowd.

If the audience paid attention, maybe the politicians will follow.



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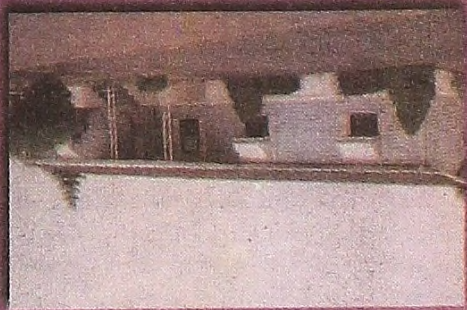
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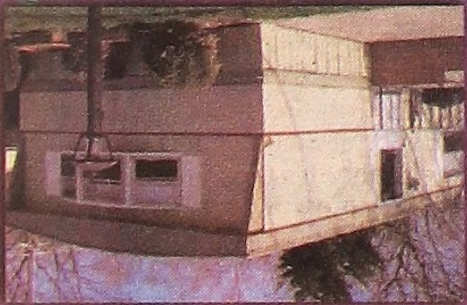
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Top marks Enrollment continues to grow at local college campus

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Patrick McNally, president of the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) western campus in Belleville, said although his role is a challenge, it's a perfect time to be at the western campus.

"With the growth both physically and in enrollment, there's no better time to be at the Wayne County Community College," he said.

McNally, who has been campus president since May 2006, said his role is to be responsible for all the western campus activity, including maintenance, instructional services and more. His major focus is to get out into the community to let people know about the schools programs and services. Staff members have adopted the communities that the campus serves, which has involved attending chamber of commerce meetings, joining the Rotary International, local development finance authorities and other community organizations, he said.

"As president, my hope is to maximize the use of the entire facility to improve on relationships in the community and create partnerships," said McNally. "My understanding of the community helps with the programs we offer and our new multi-purpose center will also give space to community organizations and businesses."

McNally, 40, started his educational career at WCCCD as a paramedic instructor and a clinical coordinator for the Emergency Medical Technology program. He replaced Dr. Derrick Manns who left the college to pursue other opportunities.

McNally also brings a wealth of education to the position. He has a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's degree in organizational leadership from the University of Phoenix and is currently working toward a doctorate degree in educational leadership.

"The focus now is the need to have a degree in this new economy," he said. "It's not just people who are new to the workforce, but also existing people. It's changing from an industrial-based economy to a knowledge-based economy, so your job may change or how you approach it. That's where we've come in at the college."

School officials said McNally was

tapped as president because of his leadership skills and enthusiasm to move the campus forward.

"Much of the success at the western campus is indicative of the outstanding leadership provided by Patrick McNally," said Dr. Curtis Ivery, chancellor of the WCCCD. "He is committed to providing quality service to our students and constituents. The western campus is our fastest growing campus and he works with the local campus advisory council to meet the needs of the community."

In the fall semester of 2003, enrollment at the western campus was more than 800 students and, in the fall semester of 2006, enrollment was more than 3,000, according to officials.

McNally doesn't take the enrollment increase as something he had done single-handedly, however, he credits the staff and faculty for the growth.

"This 275 percent increase is the result of a lot of hard work by the entire staff and faculty of the western campus. I'm truly honored to have the opportunity to work with such talented and dedicated individuals," he said. "This district is one of the largest community colleges in the nation, rated within the top ten, because of the chancellor's energy and the dedication of the staff and faculty."

"In just six years, we went from one of the smallest enrollment to now being in the top three," he added.

One of McNally's biggest goals, he said, is to create a learning organization, which will allow his staff to grow and achieve their personal and professional development goals, while promoting a balance between work and family life.

"As we move the campus forward in growth and community presence, the staff needs to be reminded that change does not always come quickly and, sometimes we need to take baby steps in order to achieve the long-term goals we have set for ourselves," he said. "This tends to create the greatest challenges for me, seeing where I want the campus and staff to be and waiting for the change to occur slowly."

"We've done a tremendous amount in the last six years and I'd like to continue to do that," he added. "The goal is to provide stability for the campus and community and, to make sure people know we are here and we are staying."



Patrick McNally credits the growth at the western campus of Wayne County Community College District to the faculty and staff.

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SPORTS

Brothers hope to send Wayne to states

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

DJ and Alan Freeman might be the best things to happen to Wayne since the Ford Stamping and Assembly Plant opened in 1952.

That's a tall order, but these two Wayne Memorial football players are up to the challenges of filling it.

As the auto plant is getting a makeover with hopes of helping Ford Motor Company return to the days of leading the auto industry, the Freeman brothers are at the core of the rebuilding process, with hopes of returning Wayne Memorial back to its glory days as a football titan.

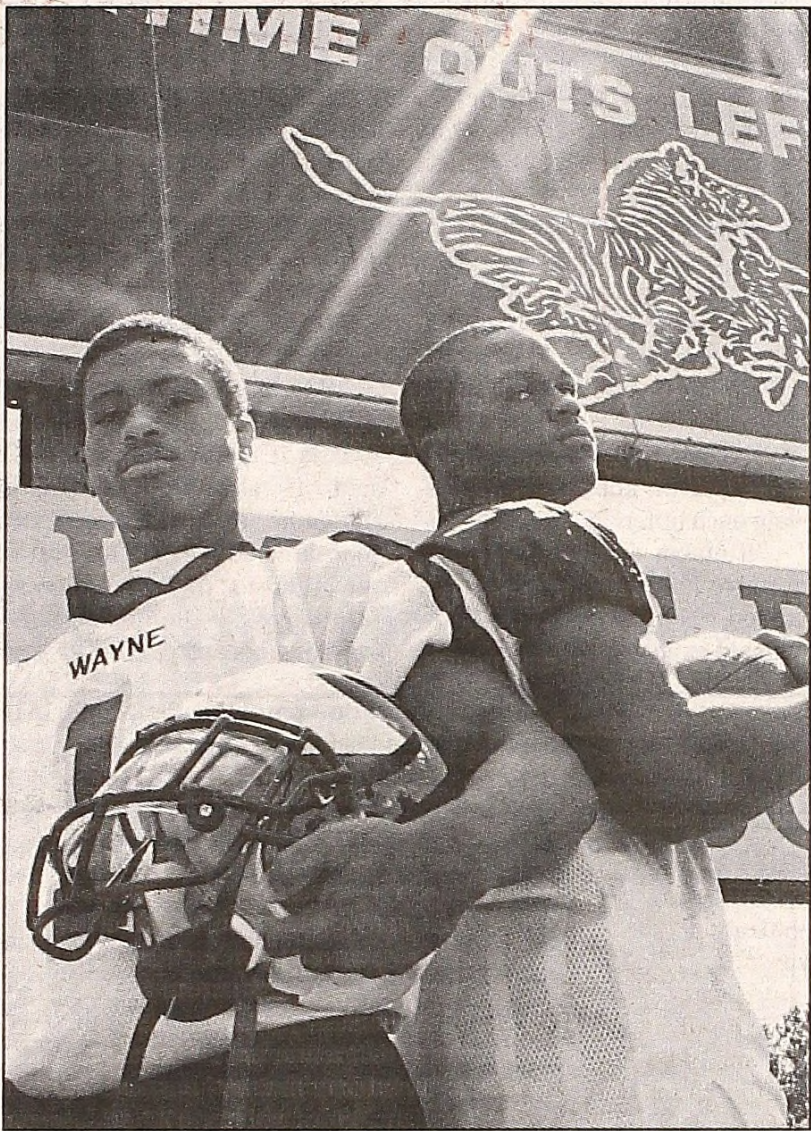
"I think we can go to states," said DJ. "I've never seen a team with so many talented people—we just need to put it all together. We have great receivers and probably one of the best offensive lines."

That's another lofty goal but they have the ability and the skills to help the team reach it.

Last year they rose to the occasion in week nine when they helped Wayne Memorial to its third straight City Championship title. Wayne was down, 7-0, until Alan burst to the outside and dove in for a touchdown. Then DJ found a seam up the middle to score the winning two-point conversion.

"We worked hard to win the championship game," DJ said. "Alan and I spent extra time breaking down film. I thought we would have beat them worse but we got the win and that's all that counts."

"I was happy when I saw the ref put his hands up, but then I remembered that we needed to make the two-point conversion to



The Freeman brothers, D.J. and Alan, hope to bring the Wayne Memorial Zebras football team back to prominence this year.

win the game," added Alan of the touchdown.

Together the brothers combined for more than 2,500 yards of total offense and 18 touchdowns last season.

DJ is headed into his senior year this season and will return at the helm of the team as the quarterback. Last year he had 1,200 yards with eight TDs—four rushing and four passing. He also competes in power lifting in the off-season. He benches 285, squats 445 and dead lifts 500 pounds. He placed third in the state power lifting championships in Muskegon earlier this year.

He's come a long way during the last three years, building up his 5-foot-10, 139-pound freshman frame by packing on 47 pounds of muscle.

"He's turned into a gym rat," said his father, David. "He loves to study film, too. DJ is a heady player and thinks things out thor-

oughly before he jumps into something. He studies film and does his homework—he studies, then he works out."

Alan, the Zebras' leading rusher, ran for more than 1,000 yards with a total of 1,300 yards and 10 scores—eight rushing, one receiving and one punt return—in his sophomore year. At 5-foot-8, he presses 225, squats 415 and dead lifts 500 pounds.

"Alan is athletic and can do just about anything good—basketball, golf, bowling," his father said. "Things came easy to him at a very early age. He was always the fastest kid; always the toughest on the football field; and always the grittiest. Now he's learning that physically he's not big and knows now that it comes down to technique. He has to realize that it is going to take a lot of hard work and preparation to get to the next level—the college

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Annual softball tourney features local flavor

Tanya Wildt
Staff Writer

honor of Leonard J. Anderson, a Wayne police officer killed in the line of duty.

Things will be a little different when the Anderson Softball Tournament returns to Wayne this weekend.

Now in its 31st year, the tournament that takes place at the Anderson Fields behind the Wayne Community Center will feature more of a local angle.

"This is the first year we're going to bring in Michigan teams only," said Tournament Director Larry Quartuccio.

In the past, so many out of state teams entered the event that Michigan teams had few representatives, according to Quartuccio. He plans to have no more than 16 teams competing this year.

The Anderson Tournament was created 31 years ago in

The tradition continues when the first game kicks off at 6 p.m. on Friday. The popular home run derby will follow, at about 9:45. Games

will continue on Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. and wrapping up around 10 p.m. The tournament will close on Sunday, when four teams play for the title of champion. The championship game will take place around noon.

There is no admission charge for the games, but all proceeds from concession sales will go toward a scholarship for a Wayne Memorial graduate planning to pursue criminal justice.

"We try to get a decent-sized check for them," Quartuccio said.

The fields are located just east of Howe Road, south of Annapolis.

This is the first year we're going to bring in Michigan teams only.

Field of contestants grows at City Golf Tournament

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Ready "fore" a good time?

Golfers of all ages and levels can try their hand at the 2007 City Championship Golf Tournament run by long-time Wayne resident, coach and teacher Bill Hawley with assistance by the City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department.

The newly redesigned Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton Township will provide the stage for the tournament, which takes place on Aug. 4-5. Tee times are at noon on both days.

The two-day event follows true tournament rules but is set up in flights so players compete against golfers of the same caliber. After play on the first day flights are set up depending on number of people and their scores.

Hawley said a 90- or 100-shooter would compete against the same level of golfer—not against the par shooters—on the second day.

The event is open to golfers—men and women—from Wayne, Westland, Canton and now Plymouth, Romulus and Livonia.

For more information, contact Zielinski at (734) 453-8400.

There is also an Open Division for residents outside those communities. There is a senior division for people older than 55, too.

Each city must have six golfers or will be placed in the open division. The tournament is based on actual scores over both days with awards going to the first three places in each flight from each city.

"We encourage everybody to come out and try their hand," Hawley said. "I'm sure even if

they have never played in a tournament they will enjoy it and will enjoy the camaraderie and friendship of the people they're playing with."

New this year is The City Golf Challenge, pitting Wayne against all other cities.

The price for the two days of 18-hole tournament golf, including awards, is \$60 per player. Golf carts are not included in the price.

"We're excited," Hawley said. "We expect a bigger turnout this year. It will be a good time for golfers of all levels."

For more information call Jeff Rutter or Steve Winkelman at the Wayne Community Center at (734) 721-7400.

I'm sure even if they have never played in a tournament they will enjoy it and will enjoy the camaraderie and friendship of the people they're playing with.

Whalers hit the greens for fundraiser

Tanya Wildt
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers organization cares as much about their players' performance off the ice as on.

In support of the players' educations, the organization will put on the 10th annual Plymouth Whalers golf outing on Aug. 28 at the Golden Fox golf course in Plymouth. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Whaler's Player Education Fund, which is used to finance schooling for team members.

"We value education," said

We value education.

Kevin Zielinski

Kevin Zielinski, the Whaler's sales and marketing representative.

Along with 18 holes of golf, participants will receive a Whaler's golf hat, complimentary beverages on the course, food, a goodie bag, and a chance to win a door prize. Participants

will also have the opportunity to interact with current and past Whaler players.

Zielinski said the outing is also a good morale booster right before the hockey season, which starts up on Sept. 1.

The day of golf will end with dinner and an awards banquet.

The Whalers are looking for 120 to 144 golfers to participate. Prices are \$900 for a four-person team or \$250 for individuals. Sponsors are also still needed. Sponsorships start at \$350. Registrations are due Aug. 17.

For more information, contact Zielinski at (734) 453-8400.

SPORTS

Brothers

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level.”

Both Freemans have already gained the attention of several colleges and universities. After their performance in the City Championship game—and several strong camps in the off-season—colleges like Youngstown State, Bowling Green, University of Toledo, Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Wayne State and Eastern Michigan all came calling.

“Western was probably the best camp that I had—I really showed out,” DJ said. “Eastern was a really good one for me, too. It’s really hard, coming from Wayne, and have them look at you. So you have to bust your

butt extra hard—more than everyone else. I feel kind of like an underdog going in.”

DJ dazzled the Western coaches with a 4.49 40-yard dash, 32-inch vertical jump and improved passing skills—a priority of his in the off-season. Jim Stefani—a leader in picking the best high school kids to go to college—rated DJ 22nd of all Michigan high school quarterbacks. He said there is no extra pressure being ranked—it just makes him want to move up to the top.

Alan, though only a junior and competing against a majority of seniors, was invited to the same camps. He impressed college coaches with a 4.53 40-yard dash and 36-inch vertical jump.

The attention isn’t too much of a surprise to their parents.

“My wife and I kind of prepared them for this because we

saw at an early age that they were outstanding athletes,” David said. “We saw that if they kept working hard and had a good attitude we felt that they would probably be able to excel at sports in high school. I think they both, given the right opportunity and chance, can excel as student-athletes at the next level.”

Although having brothers on the same field at the same time might spur contention, Alan and DJ only show brotherly love—most of the time.

“We help each other more than anything,” DJ said. “We know each other more than anybody and we know how to motivate each other.”

“It makes me feel more comfortable having him there,” Alan added, “because I already know what to expect.”

Alan describes his brother as having a short memory—but in a good way.

“If he messes up—I’m ready to go over to him and tell him that it’s okay, but he’s already moved on to the next play,” he said. “He’s the leader of the team. If DJ goes down it will be hard to find anyone to take his place because there’s nobody that can be in his place. He’s the general of the Wayne Memorial Zebras.”

DJ describes Alan as a hot-head, but a hard worker.

“If he messes up he gets mad at everybody and himself but makes it up in the game,” he said. “He always makes it up in the game. He pushes me more than anybody. I give him all of the credit for me being successful today with the quarterbacking thing because he never gave

up on me and pushed me to pass better than anybody else.”

The quarterback and the running back are the core players to the offense. The Freeman brothers are at the epicenter of the rebuilding process in Wayne, but they’re not the only members of the team that will get the Zebras to where they need to be.

“They are just wonderful young men to be around,” said Wayne Coach Craig Hnatuk. “They have tremendous character and a great sense of humor. They are very special athletes.”

Wayne kicks off its season at Jackson High School at 7 p.m. on August 24. The Zebras’ home opener is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30 against Walled Lake Central. The City Championship against John Glenn will be at Wayne Memorial at 7 p.m. on Friday Oct. 19.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JULY 2, 2007 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Excused: John Barden.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, Clerk

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-203

2. Motion by Burcroff supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 25, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.

Nays - None.

Abstain - Wadsworth.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-204

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to schedule a public hearing to be held in Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of hearing objection to the request of Kreher Wire Processing, Inc., 34822 Goddard Road, for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth..

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-205

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of legal counsel and David Allison, Fire Chief to introduce an Ordinance amending the City of Romulus Cost Recovery for Emergency Services Ordinance, Chapter 12, Article VIII of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-206

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Maria Lambert, DDA Director/Pumpkin Festival Co-Director and Carole Elder, Director of Senior Services, and grant a no-fee permit for extended Festival Activities at the Romulus Senior Center on Monday, September 10, 2007 through Sunday, September 15, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-207

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to concur with the administration and

adopt a resolution approving the Senior Alliance Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Implementation Plan as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-208

5D. Motion by Bragg, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-31:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Water & Sewer Fund				
Expense				
592-4510-745.72-40	Water Dept Health Ins.	132,290	16,743	149,033
592-4510-745.72-50	Water Dept Dental Ins.	11,100	228	11,328
592-4520-745.72-40	Sewer Dept Health Ins.	132,290	16,743	149,033
592-4520-745.72-50	Sewer Dept Health Ins.	11,100	228	11,328
Retained Earnings				
592-0000-395.00-00	Retained Earnings	3,160,844	(33,942)	3,126,902

To account for increases in health and dental insurance costs during 06/07.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-209

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-32:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Expense				
101-3410-734.70-20	Fire Salaries & Wages (IAFF)	1,138,056	10,000	1,148,056
FUND BALANCE				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	2,224,794	(10,000)	2,214,794

To allow for EMS bonuses due June 2007 per IAFF union contract settled in September 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-210

6A. Motion by Wadsworth supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 06/07-27, 06/07-28, 06/07-29 and 06/07-30, introduced at the regular Council Meeting held June 25, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 2, 2007.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: July 19, 2007

SPORTS



Workers use a laser-guided trencher to ensure the irrigation lines are straight. Drainage pipes will be installed at 5-foot intervals to ensure the fields will be ready for use shortly after rain events.

Field work progresses in Northville

Scott Spielman
Editor

The clouds of dirt and dust kicked up at Community Park this week are all according to plan.

Contractors from Water Management, Inc. have been cutting into the two older soccer fields as part of a month-long project to improve the irrigation there, according to Traci Sincok, parks and recreation director for Northville. She said the project is progressing as expected.

The plan, according to Township Engineer Don Weaver involves digging trenches in 5-foot

intervals across the field. Two-inch drain pipes will be installed in them; Workers then cover them with sand and root zone material and seed them. The rest of the field will be aerated.

"(They're) being very neat about it," Sincok said.

The project saw a minor setback in its initial stages, when contractors decided the irrigation lines on the perimeter of the field needed to be replaced, too. That has since been accomplished.

The township board picked this method to improve the fields—they only lighted soccer fields at Community Park—at

their meeting last month. The improvements will cost about \$99,000 for each of the two fields.

Workers will start on the second field after the first is complete and ready for use. The first field could be ready for play as soon as this fall.

"The schedule is working," Sincok said.

Weaver said the work should be complete on the second field this year and, with a good growing season in the fall and early spring, both should be available next year.

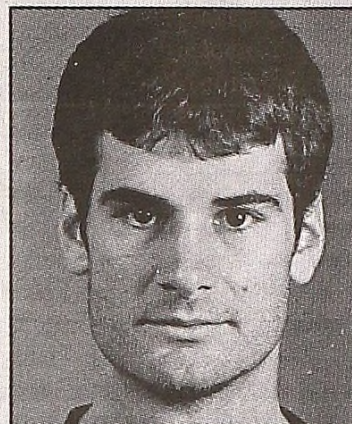
"By next spring we should be in good shape on (both) fields," he said.

Ignition grabs defenseman Dombrowski

Last week, the Detroit Ignition acquired the playing rights to defender Chad Dombrowski from the Milwaukee Wave with the second overall selection in the 2007 Major Indoor Soccer League Expansion Draft.

"We are excited to add a player of Chad's ability to our roster," said Ignition President Greg Bibb. "He's a proven, veteran defender in the MISL. He's a smart player who can consistently mark the opposition's best offensive players while also possessing the ability to move forward and provide an added dimension to our attack."

Dombrowski registered eight goals and three assists for 20 points as a member of the Milwaukee Wave during the 2006-07 regular season. The 26-year-old defender was selected as a second-team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America in 2002 and named to the first-team All-Horizon League during his last two collegiate



Chad Dombrowski

seasons at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Detroit had acquired the expansion pick in a June 5 trade with the California Cougars for net-minder Sanaldo.

During the Expansion Draft, the Ignition lost forward Carlos "Chile" Farias (Round 2) to the Chicago Storm as well as veteran defender Bill Sedgewick (Round 4) and midfielder Miodrag Djerisilo (Round 5) to the Orlando Sharks. The second-year club also lost the playing rights to Gary Sullivan and Mauricio Salles to the New Jersey Ironmen.

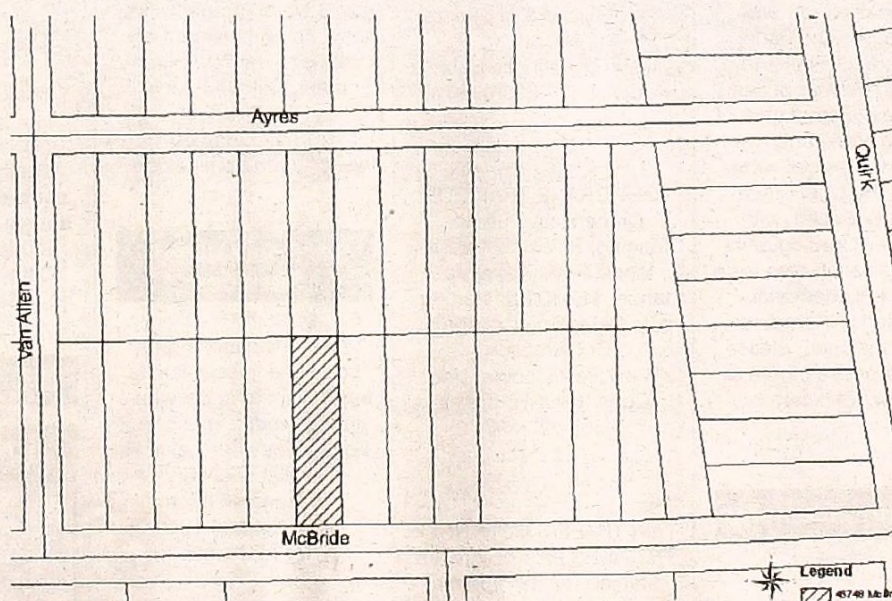
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111 on **Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.**

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel with the tax ID number V125-83-062-01-0014-000, or more commonly known as 46748 McBride Road. The property is located on the north side of McBride Road between Van Allen and Quirk Roads.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting a modification from the Township Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, to construct a detached garage that exceeds the maximum permitted ground coverage by 112 square feet.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on August 8, 2007. In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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1. Obituaries

WOODARD, William Howard "Woody" July 16, 2007 age 52 of Ypsilanti. Beloved husband of Colleen, Dear father of Yvonne (George) Wolf, Melissa (Mark) Klauza, Vicki (Scott) Murphy, Kelli (Scott) Peterson, Holli Woodard and Gerald Woodard. Brother of James, Ernest and Earl Woodard, Dorothy Kirchoff, Helen and Elaine Woodard, Debbie Comerson and the late David Woodard and Ann Mullins. Grandfather of Dalton and Taylor Murphy, Riley and Kennedy Klauza, Logan Woodard and William Peterson. Services were held Friday, June 20, 2007 at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with cremation rites to follow. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

YOUSOUFIAN, Patricia, July 14, 2007 age 42 of Canton. Beloved wife of Keith. Dear mother of Nicholas. Daughter of William (Charlotte) Baker and Doris (William Lassi) Veldhuis. Sister of Muriel (Scott) Tarnawsky and Kenneth (Dreama) Baker. Aunt of Gino and Sarah D'Amario, Clark, Corrine and Carl Baker. Memorial service Friday, 3 pm at First Baptist Church of Wayne 36125 Glenwood Rd. with Rev. Phil DiLernia officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Uht Funeral Home, Westland. 734-721-8555. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

ZIKMUND, Bruce A. July 10, 2007 age 55 of Wayne. Beloved father of Eric (Rachel Hedger) and Michael (Andrea Perie). Dear son of Emil and Margaret. Brother of Jean (Bob) Rice. Grandfather of Brianne Marie and Ava Danielle. Services were held at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with Pastor Neil Cowling officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Memorials requested to Karmanos Cancer Institute. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

5. Announcements

Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Wayne Memorial HS Band July 20 4pm-7pm Wayne Masonic Lodge #112 37137 Palmer Rd. Westland, MI Come see highlights of the Disney trip and performance Call: 734-890-1250

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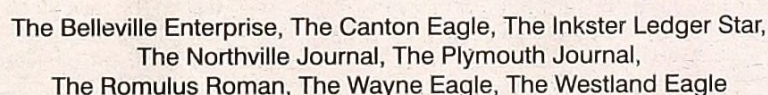
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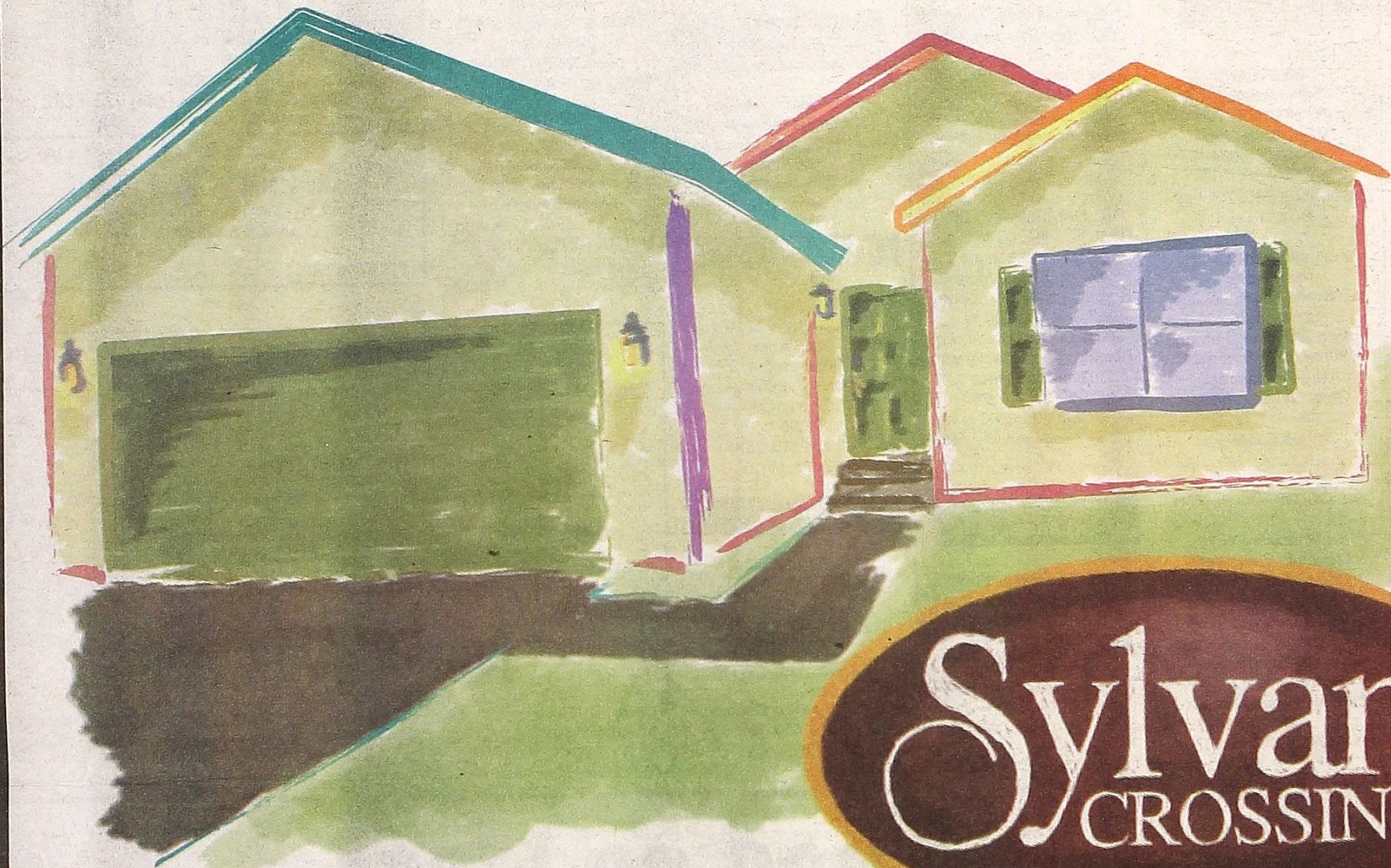
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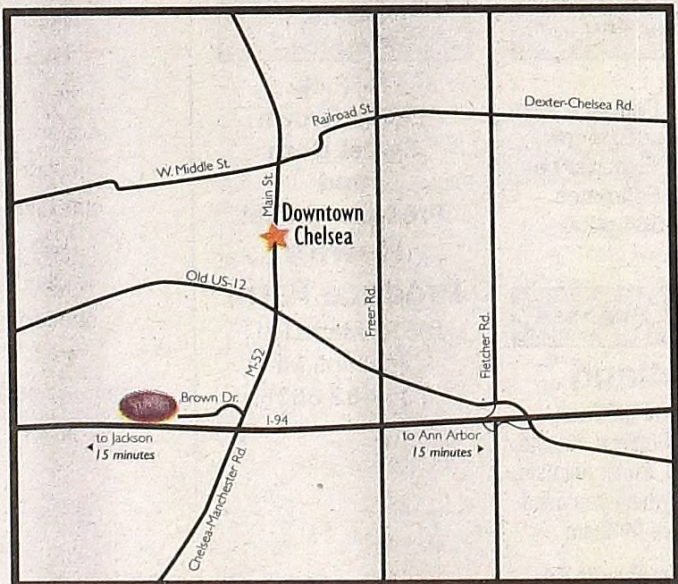
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